

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1743

Yeung et al.

Examiner: Ta Tung

Application No. 10/070,531

Filed: June 5, 2002

For: METHOD OF ANALYZING MULTIPLE SAMPLES
SIMULTANEOUSLY BY DETECTING ABSORPTION
AND SYSTEMS FOR USE IN SUCH A METHOD

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.102 (A) AND (D)

Commissioner for Patents
Attn: Group Director
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(a) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Applicants hereby respectfully request that this application be made special on the grounds set forth under M.P.E.P. § 708.02, subsections X and XI. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), Applicants submit herewith the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

Statement Required Under M.P.E.P. § 708.02, subsection X

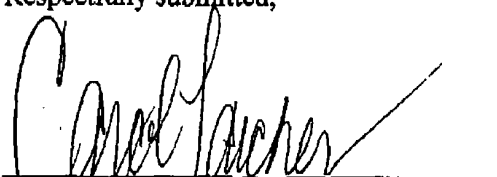
This application relates to HIV/AIDS. Specifically, the invention, which is the subject of this application, contributes to the diagnosis of HIV infection (as exemplified in Example 2), which aids in the prevention and treatment of HIV infection and AIDS. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application should be granted special status. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Group Director grant this application special status on the grounds of M.P.E.P. § 708.02, subsection X.

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Statement Required Under M.P.E.P. § 708.02, subsection XI

This application relates to countering terrorism. Specifically, the invention, which is the subject of this application, contributes to the detection of chemical and biological agents and organic explosives (CBE). See, e.g., Boulet et al., "Capillary Zone Electrophoresis Analysis and Detection of Mid-Spectrum Biological Warfare Agents," DEFENCE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT SUFFIELD RALSTON (ALBERTA), April 1995; "Application note - Organic explosive and gun shot residues analysed by capillary electrophoresis," *Bio-Rad Application Note*, 1999; and Nassar et al., "Separation of chemical warfare agent degradation products by the reversal of electro-osmotic flow in capillary electrophoresis," March 15, 1998. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application should be granted special status. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Group Director grant this application special status on the grounds of M.P.E.P. § 708.02, subsection XI.

Respectfully submitted,



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